

Application 10/733,664
Preliminary amendment dated August 11, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 8, 9, 15, 17 - 20, 23, and 25 have been amended to more clearly point out and define the claimed invention and to correct some minor typographical errors. In claims 1, 17, 18 and 25, the term "analyte" was replaced by "biomolecule". Use of the term "biomolecule" can be found throughout the **Detailed Description of the Invention** section, and particularly on page 30, lines 24 through 31. Claim 9 was amended to include extraction capillaries that bind multi-protein complexes, multi-protein complexes bound to nucleic acids, viruses and cells. Support for extraction of these biomolecule classes can be found in the specification for example on page 51, line 29 through page 52, line 7 and in Table B.

Claims 27 - 29 were newly added. Support for claims 27 - 29 can be found in the specification on page 51, line 29 through page 52, line 7 and in Table B.

The amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and do not introduce new matter. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 - 6, 12 - 14, 21, 22, 24, and 26 have been cancelled.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this amendment however, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2852.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)267-7214.

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